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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE  
ADVISORY ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 AND TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
DATED JUNE 23, 2008**

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated September 2, 2008 and in response to the Final Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated June 23, 2008, Applicants respectfully submits the following revisions and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Amendment